(a) whether it is a fact that Government has initiated a scheme for providing interest subsidy to non-creamy layer students on educational loans;

(b) if so, how much subsidy on interest is being provided and how many non-creamy layer students have been benefited by the scheme this year;

(c) whether any special provision has been made for the students of North-Eastern and hilly States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) A Central Sector Scheme has been approved by Government to provide interest subsidy for the period of moratorium on the educational loans taken by students from economically weaker sections with parental income upper limit of Rs.4.5 lakh per annum, from scheduled banks under the Educational Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks' Association, for pursuing post-higher secondary recognised professional/technical courses in India. The scheme is available on the Ministry's website (*www. education, nic.in*).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Appointment and selection process in Sanskrit Vidyapeeth

3341. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that appointments in the teaching/non-teaching cadre in Sanskrit Vidyapeeth/Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas are made by the Management Committees of the concerned Vidyapeeth/Mahavidyalayas;

(b) if so, whether Government has received complaints regarding unfair selection process and rampant corruption in appointment; and

(c) whether Government is considering to change the appointment policy and entrust this job to Staff Selection Commission to ensure fair selection in Vidyapeeth/Mahavidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) There are 3 Sanskrit Institutes (Deemed Universities) namely Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The appointments for various teaching/non-teaching posts in these Institutes are made as per Recruitment Rules with the approval of relevant Committees as per Memorandum of Association (MOA) of respective institutions. However, appointments in Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas (ASM) and Shodha Sansthans (SS), which are financially aided by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, are made by the Management Committees of the concerned ASMs/SSs.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.